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26 March 1956

TO : JAP FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Visit to Watertown Strip, 21-23 March 1956

1. Personnel:

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a. The critical administrative problems for Detachment A continue to be personnel. It was pointed out by [redacted] that it is not very practical to undertake unit tests 9-13 April when certain Detachment A personnel will not be available to actually fulfill their primary jobs for the Detachment.

b. A review of the T/O was made and the following positions were considered to be critical insofar as these tests are concerned:

- (1) Physiological Training Officer.
- (2) Aeromedical Technician (Position 78).
- (3) Warehousing Supervisor (Position 350).
- (4) Warehousing Specialist (Position 351).

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The remaining few vacancies other than these were not considered to be critical for purposes of the test. [redacted] said that he would be willing, if the Project should be unable to provide suitable supply personnel to fill critical supply positions, to provide one, and possibly two, personnel of the 4070th for 45 days overseas TUV. This would provide the Project with sufficient time to complete processing of our supply candidates and enable our personnel to be adequately trained before trained 4070th personnel would be returned.

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c. The utilization of a Case Officer, with respect to the pilots of Detachment A, was thoroughly discussed with [redacted] and Gibbs. It was decided that under the particular circumstances of location, personalities, relations with the pilots, etc., that these pilots would be billeted overseas with the remainder of Detachment A and to all intents and purposes will be treated as integral members of the Detachment. [redacted] committed himself to adequate handling of the administrative and operational aspects of the pilots through the medium of his regular Detachment personnel. In view of this decision, and there being no other suitable position either on Detachment A T/O or at Watertown Strip, [redacted] the designee for Case Officer on Detachment A, was ordered by the undersigned to return to Headquarters for probable reassignment within the Project. [redacted] will return on or about 27 March 1956.

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d. [ ] suggested that an Independent Duty Technician, AFSC 90270 (who has attended the Independent Duty Technician school at Gunther AFB) be added to the Watertown Strip Medical T/O. At the same time [ ] recommended the elimination of two positions currently on the Watertown Strip T/O -- Position 320, Medical Laboratory Specialist, and Position 321, Pharmacy Specialist. [ ] was requested to discuss this recommendation with the Watertown Commanding Officer and then to submit a firm recommendation through channels to Headquarters. We agreed, however, that replacements for these two latter positions would not be forwarded to Watertown without specific request from Watertown.

e. [ ] suggested that the International Certificate (yellow card) be forwarded to him at the Base and that he then complete notations as to immunizations on the yellow card before returning it to Headquarters for signature and official stamp. He is now filling out shot information on a dittoed form which then must be transcribed at Headquarters onto the yellow card. We see no reason why one step in this process could not be eliminated by forwarding this yellow card to [ ] in the first instant. It was also pointed out by [ ] that he has, as part of his unit equipment, a Department of Defense stamp and he could therefore complete the yellow card at Watertown if we should so desire.

f. The Administrative Officer for Detachment A requests military orders on [ ]

g. We handcarried an old passport of [ ]

h. Headquarters has been requested to stop issuing clothing and equipment for Detachment A personnel as such equipment is available at Watertown. For the information of all concerned, the following equipment is now being issued at Watertown for Detachment A personnel:

Ground Personnel

- \* Foot Locker
- \* Overshoes
- \* Sweater
- \* Parka w/ leather
- \* Trousers w/ leather
- \* Jackets M3B (Parka)
- \* Gloves, Cotton
- \* Gloves, Leather Shell w/liner \*Civ only
- \* Coveralls, 3 pr
- \* Bag, Barracks, 2 ea
- \* Bag, G.A.

Rated Personnel

Jacket M1A  
Coveralls, Flying  
Plus \* items

Note: \* - Flight Line Only (Civ.)

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1. Civilian Pilots:

(1) The civilian pilots seem to be entirely satisfied with the rewritten contract. Three of the pilots have completed the required training flights and the other three should complete them with one or two more flights. All are considered to be exceptionally able personnel by officers of the Detachment and SAC training mission.

(2) Request was made that we provide language records for off-duty study by the pilots and other personnel as follows:

[redacted] The base requests guidance as to whether or not a phonograph should be locally purchased.

(3) [redacted] inquired as to the status of settlement of his travel voucher for the period 18-21 January. The same inquiry was made by [redacted]

(4) Our cable, [redacted] is quoted by the Detachment as justification for allowing actual expenses on the trips of pilots [redacted] to Worcester for suit refittings. All personnel were briefed by the undersigned that we, henceforth, desire that pilots be treated travel-wise as any other employee; i.e. allowed normal transportation and official business expenses, and be granted per diem for personal expenses.

(5) The next training program was discussed with Colonels [redacted] and it was agreed that six (6) pilot candidates should be available at Watertown to commence training on 7 May, with a succeeding group of six (6) to be available 21 May. We were requested by [redacted] to defer the reporting dates of [redacted] until the above training dates.

j. [redacted] Watertown Strip, has in his possession a PCS order to Los Angeles but believes that while in Headquarters he signed a piece of paper for Military Personnel Division in which he agreed not to claim reimbursement for movement expenses of his family. The base was informed that we would check on this point and advise them whether or not [redacted] may move his family to Los Angeles. It is considered highly desirable that he do so inasmuch as one of his children is extremely ill. Emergency leave has been granted him.

k. [redacted] Gibbs, [redacted] discussed the problem of a supply officer on Detachment A and the addition of another officer subordinate to [redacted] was not approved. [redacted] pointed out that he will have a supply officer permanently assigned to the 7th Air Division who will be charged with the direct supply liaison and support of Detachment A [redacted]

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